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DATE: MAY 11 2011 Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER FILE: EAC 09 088 50455

IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:



PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker under Section 101(a)(15)(L) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(L)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER: SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Vermont Service Center, denied the nonimmigrant visa petition. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The AAO will reject the appeal as untimely filed.

The petitioner filed the nonimmigrant petition seeking to classify the beneficiary under section 101(a)(15)(L) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(L) as an intracompany transferee employed in a managerial or executive capacity. The beneficiary was previously granted one year in L-1A classification in order to open a new office in the United States and the petitioner now seeks to extend his status for two additional years so that he may continue to serve in the position of Director-Manager.

The director denied the petition, concluding that the petitioner failed to establish that the beneficiary would be employed in the United States in a primarily managerial or executive capacity.

In order to properly file an appeal, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) provides that the affected party must file the complete appeal with the office where the unfavorable decision was made within 30 days after service of the unfavorable decision. If the decision was mailed, the appeal must be filed within 33 days. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b). In accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i), an application received in a USCIS office shall be stamped to show the time and date of actual receipt, if it is properly signed, executed, and accompanied by the correct fee. For calculating the date of filing, the appeal shall be regarded as properly filed on the date that it is so stamped by the service center or district office.

The record indicates that the director issued the adverse decision on April 2, 2009. It is noted that the director properly gave notice to the petitioner that it had 33 days to file the appeal. The petitioner filed the appeal with the California Service Center on May 6, 2009, 34 days after the director's decision was issued.

Accordingly, the appeal was untimely filed and will be rejected. Neither the Act nor the pertinent regulations grant the AAO authority to extend the 33-day time limit for filing an appeal.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states that, if an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen as described in 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(2) or a motion to reconsider as described in 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3), the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case. The official having jurisdiction over a motion is the official who made the last decision in the proceeding, in this case, the service center director. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(ii).

It is noted that the appeal does not meet the applicable requirements of a motion to reopen or reconsider. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a). The instant appeal consists of the Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, on which the petitioner stated: "I will attached evidence [*sic*] that support my alegations [*sic*]. Thanks." The petitioner indicated on the Form I-290B that it would send a brief and/or evidence to the AAO within 30 days. As of this date, no brief or evidence has been submitted.

A motion to reopen must state the new facts to be proved in the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(2). A motion to reconsider must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions to establish that the decision was based on an incorrect application of law or Service policy. A motion to reconsider a decision on an application or petition must, when filed, also establish that the decision was incorrect based on the evidence of record at the time of the initial decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3). A motion that does not meet applicable requirements shall be dismissed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(4).

Here, the petitioner offers no "new" evidence, which could not have been presented in the initial proceeding. Likewise, the petitioner fails to cite to any pertinent precedent decisions establishing that the director's decision was based on an incorrect application of law or USCIS policy.

The untimely appeal does not meet the requirements of a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider. Therefore, there is no requirement to treat the appeal as a motion under 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2).

As the appeal was untimely filed, the appeal must be rejected pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(1).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.